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1. IN JUNE 12 EDITORIAL COMMENTING ON THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES, THE TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL OBSERVED THAT "ILLEGAL BUGGING AND WIRE TAPS, BURGLARY, SYSTEMATIC INTERFERENCE WITH PERSONAL MAIL, PREPARATION OF DOSSIERS ON THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS... HAVE COME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION WITH SHATTERING IMPACT." NOTING THAT THIS CAME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE WAKE OF WATERGATE THROUGH THE PERSISTANCE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE EDITORIAL WENT ON TO ANALYZE THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS. THE PAPER FOUND, THOUGH, THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, THE CIA PROBE WAS INDEED A POSTITIVE INDICATION OF THE STRENGTH OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. "THE CIA REVELATIONS ARE NOT AN INDICTMENT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY WHICH- MORE THAN MOST SOCIETIES- EXPECTS ITS PUBLIC POLICIES TO BE GUIDED BY MORAL IDEALS. IT IS A FRIGHTENING WARNING OF THE FOLLY OF ALLOWING ANY AGENCY - AND THE MORE VITAL ITS ROLE THE GREATER THE DANGER - TO INTERPRET FOR ITSELF AND BY ITSELF THE LAWS AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST IT IS ASSIGNED TO SERVICE."

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